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**Sent:** 10/9/2018 9:28:57 PM  
**To:** English, Ann S [AEnglish@cochise.az.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Naco, Sonora Sewage

I share your frustration and will continue to make cleaning up the border one of my top priorities.

Michael Stoker  
EPA Regional Administrator-Region 9  
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On Oct 9, 2018, at 2:17 PM, English, Ann S <AEnglish@cochise.az.gov> wrote:

Thank you for Mr. Torres response directed by you.  
At the end of the day, we both want to protect the environment from further degradation. What is so difficult is the fact I have no authority in the foreign country causing harm here and in their own country.  
Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated.  
Ann English

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**From:** Stoker, Michael B. <stoker.michael@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 9, 2018 1:01 PM  
**To:** Torres, Tomas <Torres.Tomas@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** English, Ann S <AEnglish@cochise.az.gov>; Miller, Amy <Miller.Amy@epa.gov>; Montgomery, Michael <Montgomery.Michael@epa.gov>; Eberhardt, Doug <Eberhardt.Doug@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Naco, Sonora Sewage

Dear Supervisor English,

Let me know if you need anything additional. And always feel free to call or email anytime I can be of assistance.

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On Oct 9, 2018, at 12:38 PM, Torres, Tomas <Torres.Tomas@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Ms. English,

I'm responding to your e-mail to Regional Administrator Stoker inquiring about follow-up to the October 4<sup>th</sup> stakeholder convening in Tubac, Arizona. As you correctly note, EPA is not in a position to fund additional improvements to the Naco, Sonora wastewater system until Mexico provides assurances that they will operate and maintain the system moving forward. At the meeting, EPA requested that the North American Development Bank (NADBank) facilitate a meeting between the City of Naco, Sonora and the Governor of Sonora to identify the extent to which the State of Sonora can assist Naco in carrying out long term

operation and maintenance of the system, including possibly devoting state staff to oversee and manage the upgraded Naco system.

In the meantime, NADBank is utilizing funds from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to stabilize the Naco wastewater system, including removing silt and debris from the main wastewater conveyance lines, excavating sediment from one of the lagoons to maintain the plant's holding capacity, and refurbishing a pump station. We will work with IBWC and ADEQ to keep stakeholders updated on progress as developments occur.

Thank you again for your engagement in this important issue.

Best Regards,

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